

Sammy Magana

A Legend in his own time

One of the most talented young men living in Fort Bend County is no other than Sam “Sammy” Magana. When he was only the tender age of 13, he broke, bred, trained and rode horses for a living. As a teenager he began riding bucking bulls and saddle bronc horses at rodeos and soon started earning money for his efforts. His rodeo career spans several decades and was a local contender in the original Southern Rodeo Association.

Sammy was known throughout Fort Bend County as a cowboy to watch out for at the top of leader board. He competed in rodeos all over the country in bull riding and saddle bronc riding events. He also competed in Madison Square Garden, Kansas City and in countless rodeos throughout Texas.

In 2011, Magana along with lifelong friend and fellow cowboy, Joe “Smokey” Davis and Stock contractor, Rudy Vela were all honored as they were inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas. The association honors those who have competed in Rodeo at an elite level, served as ambassadors of the sport and those who continue to contribute to the western lifestyle.

On a personal note, we know Sammy married the love of his life, Delia, who he adored, and they have eight children. Fort Bend County has been his home.

Sammy has worked and managed the JM Frost “Ranch” & properties here. He is credited for overseeing one of the largest cattle operations in the gulf coast. His contributions to the Frost Ranch and the horse industry have been recognized

throughout the years by the American Quarter Horse Association and the National Cutting Horse Association.

Sammy is the patriarch of his family and quickly gives his, late wife, and children credit to his accomplishments. His rodeo winnings were always enough to support himself, his wife and his eight children.

During the 70's and 80's Sam Magana helped so many youths that he was affectionally known as "Coach" around the rodeo arenas. All of the eight Magana children rodeoed at the youth level and continued in the collegiate and professional level. "Dad raised all of us to rope, ride and respect." Those were his 3 R's of life stated his son Rick. "It didn't matter if you were a son or daughter – rodeo was a part of growing up in our family."

Sammy is a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. His commitment to the agriculture and ranching industry is unwavering. He is dedicated to his community, church, and family is unyielding.

For those of us who have known you personally we know not only what a good cowboy you are but also what a gentleman you are. What an honor indeed! It is a privilege to present to you tonight, Sam Magana.